CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A therapeutic agent which comprises as therapeutically effective ingredients: alpha-ketoglutaric acid or its pharmaceutically effective salts and ~~at least one compound~~ 5-hydroxymethyl-furfural promoting azomethine formation in an enzyme independent reaction ~~and selected from the group consisting of 5-hydroxymethyl-furfural, dehydroascorbic acid, malt and vanillin~~, whereby the mass ratio of the ketoglutaric acid to the ~~at least azomethine formation promoting compound~~ 5-hydroxymethyl-furfural is greater than 1:1 and wherein the therapeutic agent contains as further therapeutically effective ingredients: N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine and N-acetyl-L-methionine whereby the latter is present in excess with respect to the former, in an amount sufficient to suppress uptake of the N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine into body tissues.

2. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 1 characterized in that the mass ratio of alpha-ketoglutaric acid to N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine is 100:1 to 20000:1.

3. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 1 wherein the mass ratio of N-acetyl-L-methionine to N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine is 20:1 to 300:1.

4. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 1 wherein it further comprises glucose, fructose or a mixture thereof.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 1, wherein it is put up in an aqueous solution and the N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine is present in an amount of 1.4 to 2.3 mg/l and the N-acetyl-L-methionine is present in an amount of 70 to 230 mg/l.

7. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 4 wherein it contains an electrolyte from the group of sodium or potassium.

8. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 1 wherein it is administered intravenously and has a pH value of 4 to 6.

9. (Currently amended) The therapeutic agent according to claim 4 or claim 7 wherein the alpha-ketoglutaric acid is present in a concentration of 3 to 20 g/l, the ~~compound promoting azomethine formation is~~ 5-hydroxymethylfurfural <u>is</u> present in a concentration of 1 to 3 g/l, the glucose is present in a concentration of 20 to 100 g/l, the sodium ion is present in a concentration

of 60 to 160 mmol/l and the potassium ion is present in a concentration of 15 to 40 mmol/l.

10. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 9 wherein the alpha-ketoglutaric acid is present in a concentration of 6 to 16 g/l, 5-hydroxymethylfurfural is present in a concentration of 1 to 2.5 g/l, the glucose in a concentration of 20 to 50 g/l, the sodium ion in a concentration of 70 to 160 mmol/l and the potassium ion is present in a concentration of 20 to 40 mmol/l.

11. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 1 which is put up in a solid or liquid or oral or rectal administration dosage form which contains the ketoglutaric acid at least in part in the form of a monosodium or monopotassium salt thereof.

12. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 11 which further comprises a lubricating agent and/or extender and/or a taste improving disaccharide.

13. (Previously presented) The therapeutic agent according to claim 11 which comprises in the dosage unit 3 to 9 g of alpha-ketoglutaric acid, 0.5 to 1.5 g 5-hydroxymethyl-furfural, 1.4 to 2.3 mg N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine and 70 to 230 mg of N-acetyl-L-methionine.

14. (Currently amended) A method of making a therapeutic agent in a form suitable for intravenous administration according to claim 8 wherein the alpha-ketoglutaric acid is dissolved at elevated temperature in distilled water which has had its oxygen content reduced by a gasification and glucose or fructose added to it together with alkalies other than ammonia or amines, the pH being adjusted to be in a range of 4 to 6 and N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine, N-acetyl-L-methionine and the ~~compound promoting azomethine formation~~ 5-hydroxymethyl-furfural are added.

15. (Currently amended) A method of making a preparation suitable for oral or rectal administration according to claim 11 wherein to adjust the pH from 3 to 6 the ketoglutaric acid is partly to entirely used in the form of its monosalt with sodium and/or potassium and in which extenders and if desired also disaccharides are mixed therewith and to this mixture the ~~compound promoting azomethine formation~~ 5-hydroxymethyl-furfural, the N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine and the N-acetyl-L-methionine are added whereupon the mixture is put up in the desired form of administering as a particle, granulate, in tablets, or in an irrigating liquid.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A cytocidal method of treating a malignant breast, uterine, esophageal, bladder or lung tumor in a patient afflicted with said malignant tumor which comprises the step of administering to said patient, an amount of the therapeutic agent defined in claim 1, effective to treat the malignant tumor by suppressing angiogenic activity of the tumor.

19. (Previously presented) The cytocidal method of treating a malignant tumor defined in claim 18 wherein the therapeutic agent is administered to the patient orally, rectally, in the form of an irrigation, or as an intravenous infusion.

20. (Previously presented) The cytocidal method of treating a malignant tumor defined in claim 19 wherein the therapeutic agent is administered to the patient as an intravenous infusion.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Allowed) A therapeutic agent administrable as an intravenous infusion, which consists essentially of:

alpha-ketoglutaric acid	3 - 20 g/l
5-hydroxymethylfurfural	1 - 3 g/l
N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine	1.4 - 2.3 mg/l

N-acetyl-L-methionine	70 - 230 mg/l
glucose	20 - 100 g/l
sodium ion	60 - 160 mmol/l and
potassium ion	15 - 40 mmol/l

in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable inert carrier suitable for intravenous administration.

24. (Allowed) A cytocidal method of treating a malignant breast, uterine, esophageal, bladder or lung tumor in a patient afflicted with said malignant tumor which comprises the step of administering to said patient, by intravenous infusion, an amount of the therapeutic agent defined in claim 23, effective to treat the malignant tumor by suppressing angiogenic activity of the tumor.

25. (Allowed) The therapeutic agent administrable as an intravenous infusion, defined in claim 23 wherein the alpha-ketoglutaric acid is present in an amount of 9.0 g/l; the 5-hydroxymethylfurfural is present in an amount of 3.0 g/l; the N-acetyl-seleno-L-methionine is present in an amount of 2.0 mg/l; and the N-acetyl-L-methionine is present in an amount of 100 mg/l.

26. (Allowed) A cytocidal method of treating a breast, uterine, esophageal, bladder or lung carcinoma in a patient afflicted with said carcinoma which comprises the step of administering to said patient, by intravenous infusion, an amount of the therapeutic agent defined in claim 25, effective to treat the carcinoma by suppressing angiogenic activity of the carcinoma.